(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of such a scheme in the State of Rajasthan; and

(d) the implementation of such scheme at various levels in Rajasthan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) and (b) A national policy on Older Persons was brought out in 1999 and subsequently various steps were taken by Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment for implementation of the policy.These steps, *inter-alia,* also include the steps taken to provide adequate health care facilities to senior citizens of the country. However, medical facilities are free for everyone in the Government Hospitals.

(c) and (d) As Health is a subject included in the State list, the implementation of such scheme is the responsibility of the Government of Rajasthan.

Recognition to EHRC, Faridabad

1949. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 4087 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 6th May, 2002 and state:

(a) the details of the team which visited EHRC, Faridabad recently for the purpose of recognizing it under CGHS for the benefit of Central Government Employees residing/working in Faridabad;

(b) the details of the report submitted by the above team;

(c) by when recognition will be given to EHRC; and

(d) the details of terms and conditions for grant of recognition?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) For the purpose of recognition under CGHS Delhi, the Escorts Hospital & Research Centre, Faridabad was inspected by Dr. Sudhir Chandra, Addl. DDG (M); Dr. S. Chug, HOD Medicine, Dr. RML Hospital; Dr. A.N. Sinha, HOD Surgery, Safdarjung Hospital; Dr. Mridula Pawar, HOD Anaesthesia, Dr. RML Hospital; Dr. Chauhan, HOD Radiology, Dr. RML Hospital; Dr. Chaturvedi, HOD Lab., Dr. RML Hospital; and Dr. (Smt.) U. Mahajan, Joint Director (M), CGHS (HQ).

(b)The Inspection Team has given the Inspection Report which is to be examined by the Dte. GHS from the technical side and only thereafter can the Dept. of Health consider giving administrative approval for grant of recognition to the said hospital.

(c) No time frame can be given regarding recognition of the above hospital under CGHS Delhi since the matter involves both technical approval of the Dte. GHS and subsequent Administrative approval by the Dept. of Health.

(d) (i) In non-emergency cases the hospital should provide medical care to CGHS beneficiaries as per CGHS approved rates on production of valid permission from Competent authority and hospital should provide credit facilities to Freedom Fighters, Ex-Governors/Ex. Vice-President of India, Former Prime Minister or CGHS employees, Pensioners and their dependents.

(ii) In case of emergency conditions mentioned in the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA), the recognized private hospitals shall not refuse admission or demand advance and shall provide credit facilities to the concerned patient on production of valid CGHSToken Card.

(iii) The hospital should provide necessary medicines and all disposable sundries of standard quality and will not get them purchased through CGHS beneficiaries.

(iv) If one or more minor treatment procedures form part of a major treatment procedure, package charges would be made against the major procedures. Only half of actual charges quoted for the minor procedures would be added to the package charges of the first major procedure.

(v) The hospital will pay damage to the beneficiaries if any injury, loss of part or death occurs due to gross negligence or due to transfusion of improperly checked blood if such injuries occurred in consequences of treatment in the hospital/diagnostic centre.

(vi) The private hospital should sign the MOA in the prescribed format with the Government before it is granted recognition under CGHS for treatment of CGHS beneficiaries.

Release of funds under Family Welfare Programme to Andhra Pradesh

1950. SHRIK. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that under Family Welfare Programme for the year 2000-01, Government have yet to release the amount to the tune of Rs. 10633.89 lakhs to the State of Andhra Pradesh;

(b) whether any request in this connection has been received for ealry release of balance amount; and

(c) if so, the steps taken by his Ministry to release the amount?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) to (c) The expenditure incurred by States on Family Welfare Programme during a financial year, in excess of the releases made by the Deptt. of Family Welfare during the year, is reimbursed to States in the form of 'Arrears' on receipt of Audited Statements of Expenditure from the concerned Accountant General of the State. The Government of Andhra Pradesh has been paid all arrears on the basis of the Audited Statements of Expenditure furnished by the State upto the year 1999-2000.

The Government of Andhra Pradesh has not furnished the Audited Statements of Expenditure incurred on Family Welfare Programme during the year 2000-01 .Therefore, even though the State might have incurred expenditure on the Family Welfare Programme a excess to the releases made during 2000-01, it is not possible to determine the quantum of excess expenditure reimbursable to the State as arrears.

No request from Andhra Pradesh for payment of arrears backed up with the Audited Statements of Expenditure after 1999-2000 is pending with the Department of Family Welfare.